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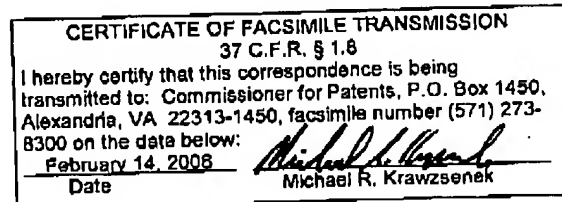
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Title: GOLD AND SILVER RECOVERY FROM POLYMETALLIC
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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request an update on the status of the above-captioned application. Applicants received the Notice of Recordation of Assignment dated August 21, 2004, as evidenced by the attached copy of the Notice of Recordation of Assignment. Subsequently, Applicants have not received any further communication from the Patent Office.

A representative from the Patent Office or an Examiner assigned to this case is invited to contact Michael R. Krawzsenek at (512) 536-3020 with any questions, comments or suggestions regarding the status of this application.

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